

4) Remarks

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 was rejected, Claims 2-6 were objected to, and Claims 7-17 were allowed. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-17.

Reconsideration and allowance of the presently pending Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 13 is amended herein to include an "and" before the last claim element.

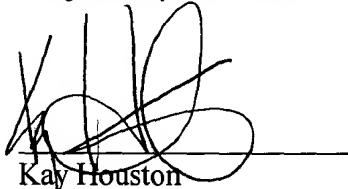
The specification is amended herein to correct grammatical errors.

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. Claim 1 is amended herein. The scope of Claim 1 has not been narrowed by this amendment. In view of the amendment to Claim 1 herein, it is believed that Claim 1 now complies with §112 and stands allowable.

The Applicant further submits that Claims 2-6, which depend from independent Claim 1, are allowable by reason of dependence from an allowable claim as well as for adding further limitations, which narrow the scope of the particular independent claim and compel a broader interpretation of the base claim upon which they depend.

In conclusion, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Claim 1-6, and pass the present patent application to issuance. If the Examiner should have any questions or feel that a discussion would advance the prosecution, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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